

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action, claims 1, 2, 5-17, 34, 35 and 38-43 stand allowed. Claims 18-33, 44, 46-48, and 50-53 stand rejected and claims 43, 44, and 46-49 are objected to.

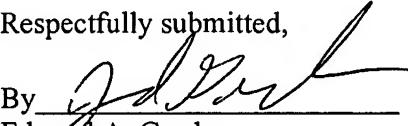
Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 2, 5-17, 34, 35 and 38-43. Applicant also appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgement that the subject matter of claim 49 would be allowable subject to the Examiner's objection. Applicant amends claim 49 to include the limitations of the claims from which it depends (claims 48 and 44) to satisfy the Examiner's objection. Applicant also traverses the rejections, supplies an appropriate status identifier for claim 43, and cancels the rejected claims without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute these claims in the future in a later filed related application.

As all rejected claims have been cancelled and the Examiner's objections are satisfied by the addition of the status identifier to claim 43 and by the amendments to claim 49, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes that no fee is due in relation to this submission. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. BBNT-P01-005.

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